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Dear Ms. Trujillo,

I have just returned from the Waterfront Charrette presentations/event and would like to present some observations as the City of Seattle continues with the waterfront planning process. The designs were almost all seriously lacking in any consideration of jobs and the economy. Every design eliminates Terminal 46, a site with 3,000 family wage jobs. The multiplier effect of these jobs is county-wide. Replacement land use proposed for T46 replaces well paying jobs with low paying jobs. In addition, cargo forecasts for the next 50 years will mean that the Port of Seattle will see an increase in trade and shipping over the long term.

I really appreciate that the Mayor wants to join the city and its waterfront. However, I fail to understand why we cannot bring Seattle closer to its working water front as well. We should show pride of the labor on the waterfront and their role in the community, especially their economic impact to the community. I'm disappointed that so many planners and architects have such a poor understanding of our society's needs. There are plenty of redevelopment opportunities elsewhere for condos and parks.

I would suggest next time that the teams be provided with more information, before engaging in such an intensive charrette. Information such as: this is one of the few deep water ports in the world. Information such as: salmon like to swim up stream to spawn, and don't need a fish spiral for a toy. Why would we build a floating wetlands over deep water?

The event was enjoyable, and the energy being expended in this effort is remarkable. Let's try and make sure that the future planning efforts are well grounded, based on good information. And let's try and respect the value of good jobs in our community, and those that hold these jobs.

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